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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Hipp et al.
Application No. 09/680,559
Filed: October 5, 2000

DECISION GRANTING PTA REQUEST

This decision is in response to Applicants' "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.705(b)" filed on May 26, 2006 requesting that the Patent Term Adjustment be adjusted from a determination six hundred and twenty (620) days to a determination of eight hundred and fifty-one (851) days.

Applicants' request is **GRANTED-in-PART**. The Office will also adjust the PTA calculation reflected in PAIR to reflect this decision. The correct amount of PTA is 852 days.

Applicants argue that the Office erred in determining the amount of PTA. Specifically, applicants assert that the Office missed the requirement of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1) by a period of 788 days. In addition, applicants assert that the Office missed the requirements of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2) by a period of one hundred and fifty-eight days. In addition, applicants assert that there was a one day delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b) by a period of one day and a reduction of 94 days under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8).

Applicants' argument have been considered and deemed persuasive to the extent herein indicated. . A review of the record reveals that the Office violated 1.702(a)(1) by a period of 789 days (applicant asserted 788). In addition, the Office missed the requirement of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2) by a period of 159 days (applicant asserts 158 days. The one hundred and fifty nine days is based upon the Office mailing the Office action on June 6, 2004 to the wrong correspondence address.¹ Applicant then remailed the Office action on February 4, 2005. Accordingly, the assessment of one hundred and sixty-eight days against applicant is in error.

Applicants failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application on two occasion. First, the applicant missed the requirements of 37 CFR 1.704(b) on May 3, 2004.

¹The record reflects that applicants filed a new power of attorney and change of address on 5/3/2004.

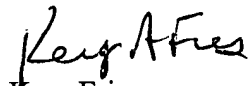
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In addition, applicants submission of an IDS on August 6, 2004 is considered a failure to engage in any reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8).² The overall amount of delay is 95 days. Accordingly, the overall amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is $(789+159 -1 -95=852)$ eight hundred and fifty-two days.

After the mailing of this Office action, the Office will forward such application to the Office of Patent Publication for a prompt issuance of the patent. Any delays pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(b) or under 37 CFR 1.704(a)(4) will be reflected in the issue notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance of the patent.

The applicants have authorized payment of \$200.00 as the fee. No additional fees are required in determining this PTA application

Any questions concerning this determination should be directed to Kery Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, at 571-272-7757.



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cc: Adjusted PAIR calculation

²The Office notes that applicants did not make any certification statement pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(d) that would waive the reduction under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8).

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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/680559					
Application Filing Date:		10/05/2000	PTO Delay (PTO):		789
Issue Date of Patent:			Three Years:		0
Pre-Issue Petitions:		0	Applicant Delay (APPL):		169
Post-Issue Petitions:		0	Total PTA (days):		852
PTO Delay Adjustment:		232			

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